Leicester, Friday July 31. 1846.

My dear Sir,

I thank you for your prompt answer to mine of the 20th, which you received the 22d and answered same day; but owing to some post-office neglect (for the letter bore the postmark of 23d) it did not reach me till the 28th. I thank you for your information about Geneva. I passed through the town & passed a night there 5 years ago, and took a sail on its beautiful lake, and well remember ~~the~~ its admirable situation. I hope they will establish there a firm & strong Society; and, if I should be disengaged in October next, and other circumstances should favor, I should very much like to go and preach to them, if it were ~~not~~ for but a few weeks only.

It would give me and Sarah real pleasure to make you a visit at Syracuse; and, could I have made it unite with a call of - business, shall I call it? - with some occupation, so that it should not be a mere pleasure-trip, (as such excursions are called, I suppose because there isn't half as much pleasure in them as when one has a definite object to accomplish). We should

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have dropped in upon you, in all human probability, not far from this time and spent a day or two with you. As it is, we do not feel that we can take a journey into New York, or elsewhere, at present, for pleasure only.

We should have liked to visit Geneva, more particularly on account of Mr. Isaac Hall's family, with whom both my wife and I were well acquainted in Boston. With their oldest daughter Elizabeth we have been more particularly intimate, and she, I think, still remains a Unitarian. Mrs. H. and some of her daughters were carried away by Mr. Kirk's preaching in Boston. They had been members of Dr. Frothingham's society. It is not to be wondered at that they sought for something more searching and vital than they had known there. Whether Mr. K.'s preaching was really, or only seemingly, calculated to supply that want, I do not know; but I have been inclined to the latter view. These fashionable and dressy conversions - of which Mr. Kirk had a large percentage among his - do not inspire me with much awe, I must confess, or lead me to form a very lofty estimate of the preacher's real evangelicalism.

Elizabeth Hall is one of the best girls I ever knew. She has been a great sufferer, for 10 years at least, from rheumatism & other maladies; and the last I heard from her led me to think that her prospect of recovery from these ills was apparently as distant as ever. I wish, with all my heart, she might be perfectly restored to health.

We shall look for you on Tuesday P. M. 18th August. It is my present intention to meet you at Clappville that afternoon, and bring you directly to my house. I ~~want~~ should very much like an oppo. to confer with you on ministerial, Unitarian, & other topics.

With my love, & Sarah's, to Cousin Lucretia
and to all your family & yourself,
I remain,
Yours, Samuel May Jr.

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